



Community &
Business Partners

Business Support, Community Impact

Q1 IMPACT REPORT

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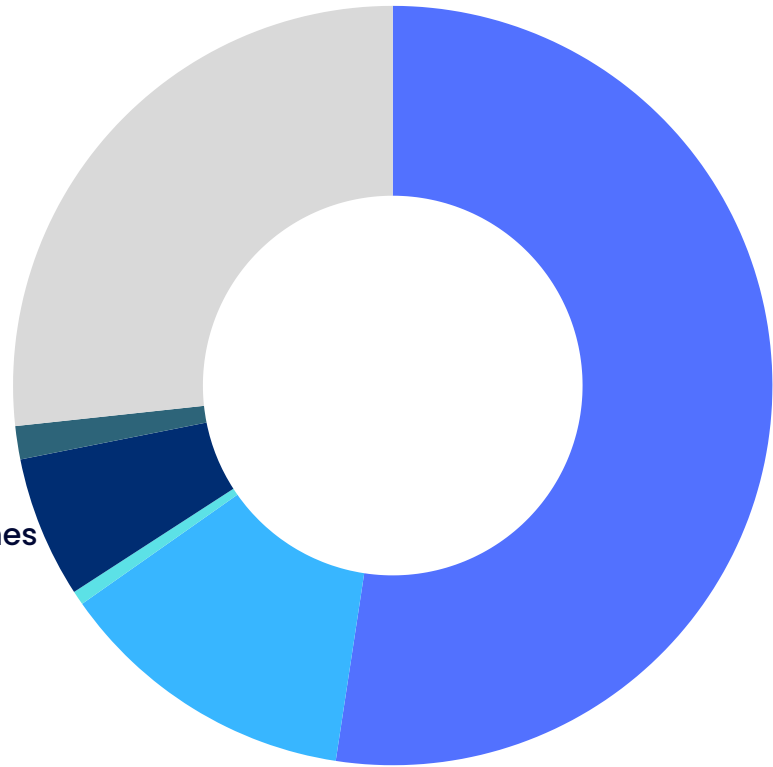




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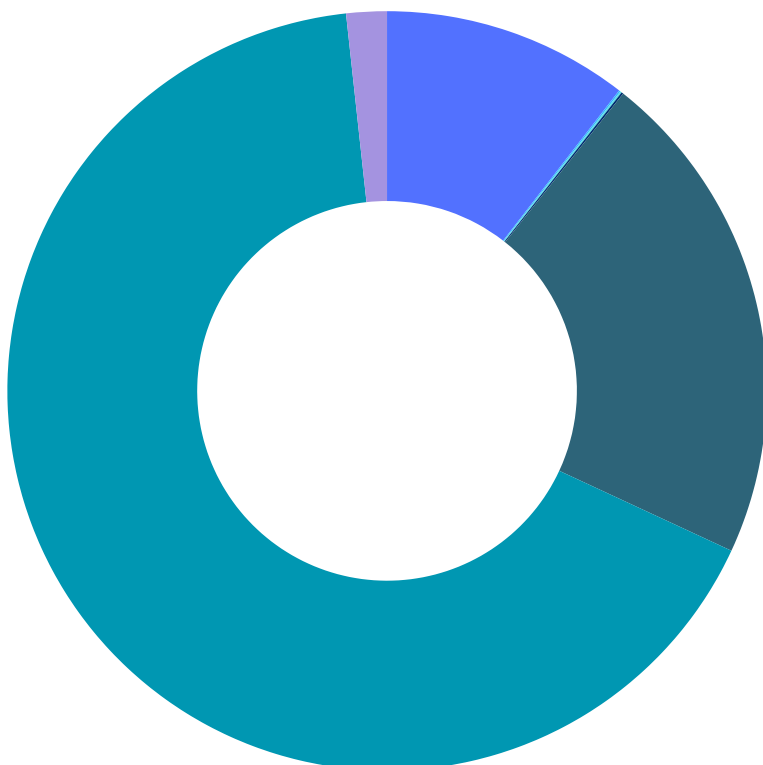
Community & Environment

- 40 Boxes of soft furnishing & textiles donated
- 1772.5 kg of co2 saved
- 98 Individuals supported to decorate their homes
- 400 Hot meals cooked
- 853 Food boxes distributed
- 3478 Meals produced from Lidl food



Business & Skills

- 5 New volunteers supported
- 5 New mock interviews to support the younger generation
- 6 Month Peer Group for the 3rd Sector
- 130 Redundant workers supported
- 789 Volunteer hours supported
- £5000 Raised for easter egg drive
- 1600 Smiles created from the easter egg drive



Pop-Up Sale!! We launched our first pop-up sale of the year! At the end of last year, SAMS received over **60 boxes** of bedding, duvets, pillows, oodies, sheets, throws, heated and weighted blankets, towels, and bath mats as donations. After sorting through all the stock, we arranged it into a shop and opened it for the local community. All items were priced at an affordable rate, starting at just 50p. Our pop-up sales are always well received, and it's such a great feeling knowing our community can enjoy such luxuries at an affordable price



We give away FREE bakery each day that we collect from Lidl. Some weeks we collect frozen food from them too. The donations from Lidl for the last quarter comes to the equivalent of **3478 meals!**

Everyone meet Eli. Eli is one of the local children from our community that visits us regularly with his mum for free food. He is just 3 years old. Eli loves coming into Community & Business Partners for his cake, pizza and bread and we love to see him!



Meet Lee, our new Warehouse Operative and Driver. He joined CBP in January and quickly became an integral part of the team. Lee handles food box deliveries, pickups, and collects scrap materials, paint, and clothes. His impact has been significant, and we're thrilled to have him with us at CBP.



Green Spaces

We continue to donate our GroZone space, free of charge, to St James Pop-Up Church. This space allows communities to come together to learn about horticulture and use a dedicated green space for growing.



For 3 months, our food hub has had Annie, our cook, preparing fresh, healthy meals for the community during the cold months. They can be eaten on the spot, taken away for later, or frozen. Annie's homemade vegetarian options cater to diverse dietary needs, attracting many new people seeking affordable options. It not only saves them money but also inspires them with simple meal ideas.

Our subsidised food boxes are as popular as ever now. Customers that need a little help with food supplies can purchase a £6 food box which is typically worth over £30. Or a small food box which is worth around £20. This quarter we have distributed a staggering **853** food boxes.





Community Repaint

Reclaiming paint stops perfectly good materials from reaching landfill and reduces the amount of CO2 emissions emitted. Every litre of reclaimed paint saves 2.7kg of CO2! We have recently distributed 656.5 litres of paint which is the equivalent of **1772.55kg of CO2!** This also enables residents to improve their living space in a cost-effective way. 2.5 litres of paint is just £3.20 and 5 litres is just £6.40. In the last quarter we have supported **98** individuals to purchase low-cost paint.



We have been donated 2 large boxes of crafting supplies from Findel. This donation will be going towards our Crafty Box Clubs, which will be launched this Easter and during the Summer Holidays for local children. The Crafty Box Club is when we invite local children into the Scrapstore to learn all about how we save useful resources from going to landfill. We also teach the children about our food projects and the importance of reducing food waste. The local children will also receive a craft pack, which includes scrap art materials generously donated by Findel. We cannot wait to see the children this year, and we will show you in the next impact report how it all went!



Environment



Do you remember us asking if these would be useful to any manufacturing companies?

Well, in fact these are the perfect outdoor playing apparatus for this wonderful reception class! Since showing these pictures on our social media they have flown out. It's amazing to see children enjoying this resource and using their imaginations. We still have a few left if you think you could reuse these?

Exciting news! We've forged a new partnership with GAP. Victoria reached out to them and discovered they were seeking cost-saving solutions. By collecting their weekly waste, we not only save them money but also divert reusable materials from landfills, delighting our Scrapstore customers. GAP generously supplies a variety of low-cost uPVC products like Fascia's, Soffits, Gutters, and Window Trims. Their Blackburn Depot also houses Rockdoor, and we receive donations of PVC door cut-outs. Matthew and Rob from GAP were impressed with our work at CBP and offered various ways to support us. It is fantastic that they are now a CBP Member and we are thrilled to nurture this growing relationship with GAP.



Essential Sourcing

WE TURN PROCUREMENT INTO PROFIT

Over the past 8 weeks Lucas has been taking part in the Essential Procurement Academy, ran by our members Essential Sourcing. This 8-week course highlighted the need to optimise supplier relationships, how to negotiate better deals, and how to streamline the procurement process. As a result of the 8-week course with Essential Sourcing Lucas has been tasked with looking at ways we can improve our buying, which would allow us to provide more to our community.



Jaydee recently spent an afternoon at Blackburn Community Fire Station, supporting a group with mock interviews after recently completing a 12-week Prince Trust Employability Programme. The idea was to give them a little taster into what to prepare for and how to conduct themselves in an interview ready for work and they each had a 15 minute mock interview. We love the feeling of giving our time to support others, even if one did tell Jaydee she was really old at 39!

This quarter our volunteers have donated an outstanding **789** hours of their time to all the community projects here at CBP.



YOUTH CAN DO IT



Since opening Blossoms at CBP, our new community clothing shop, we have welcomed 5 new volunteers to help run the shop and sort through stock. Without the help of the Volunteers our projects wouldn't run as smoothly and efficient! Susan loves working in the shop serving the local community and helping them pick out beautiful outfits. She took early retirement a few years ago and now wants to give back her time to the community. Stephen loves helping lift and shift the new stock and help sort through it all. Evie is queen of sorting through all the new stock and getting it into size and season order.



YBB Bitesize: "Roger That... The Importance of Asking Twice"

Date: 24th April

Booking Link

www.trybooking.com/uk/DDWP

Discount Code: CBPMEMBERSC

Your Business Bootcamp

Burnley Football Club

Date: 22nd May

Booking Link

www.trybooking.com/uk/DEWV

Discount Code: CBPMEMBERYBB24

EVENTS



CBP Exclusive Members Networking: Chorley

Date: 30th April

Booking Link

www.trybooking.com/uk/DEVN



Over the past 6 months, Community & Business Partners (CBP) has spearheaded a transformative initiative to support the Third Sector, which often grapples with accessing essential business resources. Through their Third Sector Peer Group, CBP has provided invaluable guidance and expertise to not-for-profit organisations, fostering growth and resilience within the sector. The Third Sector Peer Group initiative was made possible through CBPs own CSR initiative and as a not-for-profit company, we wanted to give back to others in our sector, who are making a huge impact in their world. The initiative was supported by our fantastic CBP members with all surplus of the membership going to support businesses and the local community.

Red Rose Peer Group Sponsors

The team enjoyed a fabulous night at the Red Rose Awards last month and a huge congratulations to some of our members who won; Six Connections, Burnley College and Nybble.

As part our values of giving back we offer all Red Rose Winners a 6-month peer group with guest speakers to run masterclasses on all things business, covering marketing, people and finance to name just a few. We can't wait to get started this quarter.



LANCASHIRE BUSINESSVIEW
**RED ROSE
AWARDS 2024**
PROUD SPONSOR

Last quarter we finished a 2-year contract, with LCC supporting our skilled workers within the manufacturing and engineering sector. Our role was to identify businesses making redundancies and support those workers while helping them find new roles with businesses who are recruiting.

In total we worked with over **50 businesses** and supported over **130 redundant workers**.

CLIENT FEEDBACK

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to both of you for CBP's unwavering support and belief in my potential. CBP's mentorship and guidance have been invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a nurturing and empowering community. Thank you for everything, Jaydee and Danny. I look forward to continuing this journey together and making meaningful contributions to our shared vision of innovation and growth.



YOURS SINCERELY
SHABIR VOHRA
FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT



What a quarter we have had with the Easter Egg Drive. A huge thank you to **Big Presence** for hosting the Easter Egg Drive and a fantastic workshop from Jonathan Finch. We managed to raise over **£5000** smashing our target. Thank you to everyone in attendance, those that donated and those that helped deliver the Easter Eggs to the children in need. We aimed to put **1000 smiles** on the faces of children this Easter, we actually managed to put a smile on **1600** children's faces!. The Easter Eggs have been delivered to the following organisations: Blackburn Youth Zone, Blackburn College, Darwen Children's Centre, Livesey Children's Centre, Longshaw Infant and Junior School, Our Ladies Primary School, St James's Primary School, East Lancashire Hospitals Trust & Me, Care Network, Wish Centre and ARC. All fantastic organisations that work with children on a daily basis that don't have access to luxuries we take for granted.



CBP MEMBERS

Thank you for helping us make a difference and for being part of our membership team.



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